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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 1-2-03
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1724
PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 09/854,807
Atty. Docket No. 1217-010754

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1724 :
In re application of :
FUJIO TANAKA ET AL. : METHOD OF REGENERATING
Serial No. 09/854,807 : ION EXCHANGE RESIN
Filed May 14, 2001 :
Examiner - Ivars C. Cintins :

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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on August 27, 2002, and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on November 27, 2002. Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on December 27, 2002.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 19, 2002.

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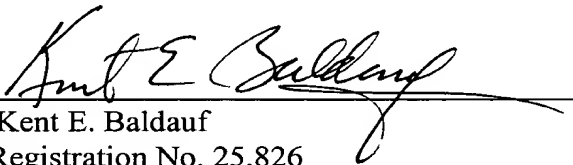
A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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